



Zaragoza, SPAIN

This year the ultramodern forms of Expo 2008 take their place among medieval streets and centuries-old basilicas. Ski-wise, Zaragoza's just a few hours from the stylish slopes of Formigal, the friendly Panticosa and the lesser-known Cerler. Alison Ledger reckons Caesar Augustus, the city's namesake, would be impressed

1 **Caffe di Roma**
 Independencia, 7
 0034 976 214081

Warm frosty fingers on rich hot chocolate or get a little light-headed on potent coffee cocktails in this spacious coffee bar that's distinguished by its dark green and wood décor complete with mock vintage details.

2 **Hostal Central**
 César Augusto, 72
 0034 976 39 59 78

www.hostelworld.com

If you're a shop-a-holic by day and a party animal by night, then spend your leftover Euros on this two-star, centrally-located hostel. The Old Town is virtually on your doorstep – a crawlable distance if you've sipped your way through one too many uvas of sanaria.



3 Bodega de la Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz, 3
0034 976 20 0018

www.larepublicana.net

Its old-fashioned charm, classic Rioja and out of this world tapas have earned this small, retro-style hangout a solid reputation with regulars returning for its ratatouille pies, curried chicken, rice and aubergine pies and pineapple and stuffed peppers.

4 Aphoteke

La Paz, 22
0034 976 396 771

Low lighting, techno-style illustrations hanging on the exposed brick walls and a tackier-than-tack rotating mirror ball – 20 and 30-somethings fill this late night disco bar seeking a haven for electronic dance music.

5 Hotel Palafox

Marques de Casa Jiménez,
0034 976 237 700

www.palafoxhoteles.com

Sing your heart out in the shower to the impressive bathroom sound systems in one of Hotel Palafox's VIP suites from £150 a night. It's

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classy Aragonia-Paradis restaurant boasts 1,000 wines in its cellar and serves Mediterranean food for £15 - £30 per head for three courses.

6 Paris Hotel

Pedro Maria 14
0034 976 236 537

www.hotelpariszaragoza.com

See Zaragoza's cool cityscape from Hotel Paris for £36 a night. Located in the buzzing financial district, you'll be 500 yards from the Basilica-Cathedral of Our Lady of the Pillar, which, if you're a sucker for legendary tales, is the site where the Virgin Mary appeared miraculously to Saint James the Great in the 1st Century.

7 Sphinx

2, Madre Rafols
0034 976 441 011

For the gay and lesbian crowd, Sphinx welcomes techno, disco and pop-lovers of all ages to its large dancefloor 'til dawn, or 3am on school-nights. They'll even let boring old straights in.

8 El Cachirulo

Crta. Logroño
0034 976 460 146

www.elcachirulo.es

A typical Aragonese brick building with wrought iron balconies, this restaurant offers fine regional cuisine with an avant-garde twist. Get your chops around house specialties such as migas (fried bread crumbs with onion, longaniza sausage and grapes) tender grilled lamb and blood sausage.

9 Pub Tropicco

Calle Dato, 21

www.tropicco.com

Romance it up to the bachata or sex it up with some saucy salsa at Pub Tropicco where the palm trees, exotic flowers, percussion instruments, Caribbean staff and cocktails transport you across the Atlantic.

10 La Matilde

Calle Predicadores, 7
0034 976 433 443

www.lamatilde.com

Foie-gras and apple millefeuille, pork jaws and trotters with spiced honey, nougat soup with cottage cheese ice-cream – weird and wondrous cuisine seduces punters from Barcelona and Madrid to this quaint eaterie, with its cute antique silverware and crockery. And it's no way as pricey as you'd expect.